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AGRICULTURE : GROW MORE FOOD : PAPERS RELATING TO SANCTION OF GRANTS [illegible] GOVERNMENT OF INDIA : FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF [illegible] : PAPERS RECORDED.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
Development Department.

Letter No.30481-AIII/49-2. Dated the 6th April 1949.

From

The Secretary to Government,
Development Department.

To

The Secretary to the Government of India,
Ministry of Agriculture,
NEW DELHI.

Sir,

Sub: AGRICULTURE - Grow More Food - Grants from the Government of India for the distribution of vegetable seeds to schools.
Ref: Mr.Raja's letter No.F15-1/49-GMF dated the 16th March 1949.

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With reference to the Scheme for the distribution of vegetable seeds to schools mentioned in the letter cited, I am directed to state that the information called for by the Government of India in Mr. Ghose's letter No, F7-11/49-SV dated the 23rd April 1948 has since been furnished by this Government in their letter No. 85546-AIII/49-9 dated 26th March 1949. In this connection it may be mentioned that the 20 per cent subsidy as per the revised rules applies only to schemes for distribution of seeds to cultivators but that the present scheme being concerned with the distribution of seeds to schools, should as in other cases of Grow More Food Schemes, be admitted to 50 per cent grant. Im may also add that as pointed out in the discussion with Mr. Punjabi during his visit to Madras on the 5th March 1949, that the existing schemes should be given grants on the basis of the previous rules and that the new rules should be applied to future schemes only. In the circumstances I am to request that the Government of India may be pleased to accept this scheme as one eligible for a half grant from them and sanction a grant of Rs. 2,532/- being half the expenditure incurred during 1947-48.

I am also to state that this Government in their proceedings No. 4733 Dev. dated the 17th September 1948 (copy enclosed) have sanctioned the continuance of the same scheme for the year 1948-49. The details of expenditure for that year also have been furnished to the Government of India in this Government Letter dated the 26th March 1949 mentioned above. I am also to request that the Government of India may be pleased to sanction a grant of Rs. 2,953/- being half the estimated expenditure during that year for the same reasons.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/.....
Secretary to Government.

Copy to the Director of Agriculture, Madras.

Copy of letter from S.T. Raja, Esq., B.A., LL.B., Bar-at-Law, Under Secretary, Ministry of Agirulture, Government of India, Addressed to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Development Department, Fort St. George, Madras No.F8-127/48-GMF dated 6th May 1949.

Sub: GROW MORE FOOD CAMPAIGN - 1947-48 - Madras - Scheme for free distribution of vegetable seeds to schools.

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I am directed to refer to your letter No. 85546-A.III/49-9 dated the 26th March 1949 on the subject mentioned above and to say that as already stated in this Ministry letter No. F.13/47-GMF dated the 15th October 1947, the scheme mentioned above is not a Grow More Food Scheme. The Government of India, therefore, regret their inability to sanction any grant towards its cost.

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No.F8.127/48-GMF
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
Ministry of Atriculture.

New Delhi, the 4/7th June 1949.

From

N.S. Sreekantiah, Esq.,
Assistant Secretary, Ministry of Atriculture, Govt. of India

To

The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Development Department, Madras.

Sub: SCHEMES FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF VEGETABLE SEEDS TO SCHOOLS - 1947-47 and 1948-49.

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Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter No. 30481-A.III/48-2 dated the 6th April 1949 on the subject mentioned above and to say that a reply to the Provincial Government's request for sanctioning a grant for the scheme for the distribution of vegetable seeds to schools was sent in this Ministry's letter of even number dated the 6th May 1949.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/
Assistant Secretary.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
Development Department.

Memorandum No.30481-L/49-7 dated the 24th August 1949.

Sub: AGRICULTURE - Grow More Food - Grants from the Government of India - For the distribution of vegetable seeds to schools - Government of India's letter communicated.
Ref: From the Government of India, Ministry of Agriculture, Letter No. F8-127/48-GMF dated the 4th June 1949.

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A copy of the letter cited is communicated to the Director of Agriculture and the Accountant-General. They are informed that the question of asking the Government of India to give a grant for this scheme from the Food Procurement Bonus Funds is being considered separately.

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Assistant Secretary to Government.

To the Director of Agriculture.
To the Accountant-General.

FOOD(A)~~DEVELOPMENT~~ DEPARTMENT.

The file relates to the continuance during the current financial year 1949-50 of a scheme sponosred by the Agricultural Department for the free supply of vegetable seeds to school children for encouraging vegetable cultivation in school compounds as a Grow More Food measure in the 5 Year Plan. The notes from the botton of p.4 above may be perused. The file has been sent to this Deptt. with reference to Fin.Secretary's suggestion that the Procurement Bonus might be utilised for schemes like this and that India might be pressed for agreeing to this in due course. So far as the bonus on the quantitites of foodgrains procured during the Kharif year 1947-48, that is, November 1947 to October 1948, is concerned, the Government of India have already laide down that the amount ~~need~~ received from them for this period should be utilised on meeting losses, if any, incurred by the Provincial Government on distibution of foodgrains procured in India and on supplying at concessional rates to foodgrains producers, manures, fertilisers and other commodities essential for production of foodgrains. They have since announced their decision to extend this bonus scheme till the end of December 1949. As they have, however, not "R" specified the purposes for which the bonus amount due for the extended period, namely November 1948 to December 1949 should be spent, they have been requested to clarify this in a separate file C.No.12531-A/49 and their reply is awaited. The Government of India have also sanctioned credit for a sum of Rs. 2.1 crores as the quantitites of foodgrains procured during the period November 1947 to February 1949 and the credit has been given effect to in the accounts, relating to the financial year ending March 1949. It has already been decided with the approval of Revenue Department and Finance Department ~~that~~ that a sum of Rs. 67 lakhs representing the losses incurred by the Provincial Government on the distribution of imported foodgrains procured in India from November 1947 to October 1948 should be set off against the amount of Rs. 2.1 crores sanctioned by the Government of India and that the question of ~~ut~~utilising the balance of Rs. 1.44 crores for purposes calculated to increase food production may be deferred till the receipt of India's reply to the letter referred to at "R" on p.8 above.

2. In a sepaate file Rev. Deptt. are awaiting a communi- "M" cation from the Govt. of India re: the question as to how the procurement bonus due for the current year 1949-50 should be utilise Finance Secy. stated that during the conference between the Minister and the Food Minister (India) on 4-6-1949 he suggested that certain seed multiplication and manure schemes which have been omitted from the list of schemes approved for Grow More Food grants might be financed from the procurement bonus and that the Food Minister for India said that the suggestion would be considered and that, when the Government of India address us on the question as to how the procurement bonus should be utilised, it will be time enough to press that food distribution losses etc., should be set off against this Bonus. Rev. Deptt. have been requested to let this Deptt. see the case on receipt of the Govt. of India's communication On receipt of the communications referred to at "R" on p.8 above and "M" above, relevant extracts will be sent to Dev. Deptt. who may then consider the question of pressing the Govt. of India for K agreeing to the expenditure on the schemes dealt with in this and the linked file from the Procurement Bonus.

With these remarks the case may be returned to Dev.

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Secy.

~~DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT~~.

With reference to Finance Secretary's suggstion at "M" on p.6 above, this Deptt. notes from the middle of p. 6 ante may be perused In the circumstances stated in the notes of "A" section at pp.8-10 above, this may lie over till 1-9-1949 or till the extracts referred to at "K" on pp 9-10 above are received in this section. whichever

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Further letters from the Govt: of India Re;creteria of schemes f. financing from the Bonus Fund have been received. They will be sent to Fin. Meanwhile Fin. may see "Y" and X on p.7 ante. We may communicated Govt. of India's letter on p.9 c.f. and tell the D.A. and A.G. that the question of getting a grant from the Food Bonus will be considered separately.

FINANCE DEPTT.

Please see the previous Finance Note on pp 5-6 above and Dev.notes on pp 6-8 above.

Food Deptt. have in a separate file put up a draft order asking the Commissioner of Food Production to prepare schemes to be financed from Central Food bonus(about Rs.1.44 crores) and suggesting that Grow More Food schemes which were refused subsidy on the ground that they are not eligible for financial assistance from the Central Block grant under the revised rules issued by the Government of India in December 1948) should also be taken into account for the purpose. On receipt of the) C.F.Ps reply, Food will no doubt examine in consultation with this Deptt.) K what schemes (big or small or both) are to be implemented at the expense) of the Central Food Bonus.)

If enough big schemes are not available, there is no harm in including small schemes also (in respect of which the Govt. of India have refused to give a grant) to make up the total figure of 1.44 crores)

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T.N.S.R./11.8.49
Secy.

FOOD DEPTT.

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The list referred to at "K" on p.11 above, has since been forwarded to the Board of Revenue (Food Production) for remarks. The Board's reply has not yet been received. It has to be received from Board and then the Government of India have to be addressed and reply received from them. It appears that it will take some time to issue final orders. It is, therefore, for consideration whether these papers may be recorded as G.O. with a call book entry against 1-12-1949 to watch the final decision in the file bearing C.No.35787/L/49 referred to at "K" on p.12 above.

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G.O. (Ms) No. 1427 F.&A. dated 18th November 1949.

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